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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith for the patent application identified above entitled ADJUSTABLE TRANSVERSE CONNECTOR WITH CAM ACTIVATED ENGAGERS are the following:

- 1. Notification of Loss of Status as Small Entity (1 Page);
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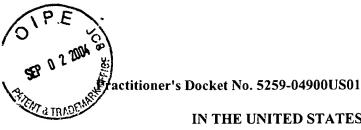
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## NOTIFICATION OF LOSS OF STATUS AS SMALL ENTITY (37 C.F.R. § 1.27(g)(2))

1. Applicant asserted small entity status in this application on March 12, 2001 by:

payment of the basic filing fee as a small entity (37 C.F.R. § 1.27(c)(3))

2. Applicant hereby notifies the Office, in accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(g)(2), that it no longer has status as a small entity.

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